



Psychology 12

Burnaby North Secondary

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Welcome to Psychology 12! This is a course on human behaviour and basic concepts in modern psychology. The course is designed for students who have an interest in psychology and want an introduction to some of the key topics studied in this field. This is also a course for those who are curious to learn how and why people think and act the way they do! ☺

Let's face it... human beings are fascinated by each other. Just think about how much time we spend watching other people's behaviour. We watch people on TV, in the movies, online/social networks (Facebook, Instagram & Twitter!), and in our daily lives. We buy trashy magazines like "People" and "Star" and watch Reality Television (The Bachelor, Survivor, Big Brother, etc) because we are curious about how people will act and what they will do. Psychologists are interested in behaviour as well as the mental processes, thoughts, ideas, and understandings behind them. Psychologists ask questions such as:

What are the reasons behind our actions? Does my brain control me, or do I control it? How much of "me" was determined genetically at birth, and how much was acquired by experience and learning? What motivates us to do certain things and not do others? How do we learn and develop language from infancy? How do we sense the world and what is our brain perceiving? Is there such a thing as ESP? What causes Depression and Anxiety? What is Abnormal Psychology and how do we treat 'abnormal' behaviour?

The course will be broken down into 8 main sections:

1. Introduction (History of Psychology)
2. Social Psychology
3. Learning
4. Developmental Psychology
5. Intelligence
6. Thinking & Language
7. Memory
8. Personality



Course Objectives:

- ✓ Students will study the major core concepts and theories of psychology. They will be able to define key terms and use them in their everyday vocabulary.
- ✓ Students will learn the basic skills of psychological research and be able to apply psychological concepts to their own lives.
- ✓ Students will develop critical thinking skills.

Textbook:

- Myers, David G. Psychology, 6th Edition. New York: Worth: 2001.

Class Website:

I have created a website that I update daily with all class information, handouts, notes and due dates. You can print off any missing assignments from this site. If you are away, there is no excuse for you not to be caught up upon your return. You can also access it from the school website (*Student- HW Site- Ms Carey*)

Class Website: **www.mscareswebsite.com**

My Email: **corine.carey@sd41.bc.ca**



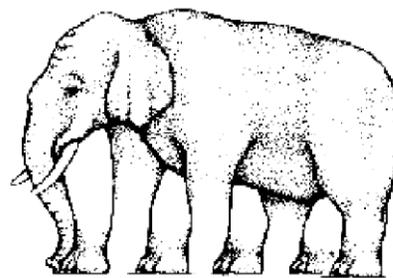
Evaluation:

Course assessment will involve a wide variety of assignments, projects and tests. There is no final exam for this course.

➤ Assignments, Homework, Projects, & Participation	60%
➤ Tests & Quizzes	40%

Attendance:

Attendance and participation are integral parts of a student’s success in Psychology 12 therefore, if you are away, it is YOUR responsibility to find out what work you have missed (see the website) and talk to me to make alternate arrangements if necessary. Ample notice will be given for any assignment, quiz, or exam. The amount of work depends on the unit being covered in class.



This is a great course with lots of interesting topics and fun assignments. Be prepared for experiments, surveys, observations and more! However, it is up to you to make sure that work is completed and that you stay up to date.

Good luck and let’s have a great year! ☺

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